is required to be reported to the Reserve Bank of India explaining the circumstances relating to such appropriation.

(c) and (d) The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account prepared in accordance with Section 29 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, are required to be audited by a person qualified to be an auditor and in terms of Section 30(3) of the aforesaid Act, the auditor has *inter-alia* to stage in his report that the profit and loss account show a true balance of profit or loss for the period covered by such account.

National Awards to Persons in Medical Profession

1712. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of some professors of Medical Sciences of All India Institute of Medical Sciences or PGIMER, Chandigarh or other Indian Medical doctors and specialists of national or inter-national repute were constidered for grant of national awards for their services in various branches of Medicine or Surgery (such as Cardio Thoracic Surgery) this year on the eve of the Republic Day; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the cases considered and the awards conferred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It would not be in keeping with the high traditions and dignity of the awards to disclose the details of the cases considered for the awards. As for the awards conferred on 26th January, 1989, a complete list of awardees was released to all major newspapers of the country, which could be referred to.

Smuggling of Gold along Kutch and Saurashtra Coast

1713. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sudden spurt in gold smuggling along Kutch and Saurashtra coast recently;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the quantity of smuggled gold confiscated along the above coast during 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) & (c) The quantity and value of gold seized throughout the country and that seized in the jurisdiction of the Customs (Preventive) Collectorate, Gujarat, during 1987, 1988 and 1989 (up to 28-2-1989) are given in the table below:

Year	Gold seized throughout the country		Gold seized in the jurisdiction of the Customs (Preventive) Collectorate, Gujarat.	
	Quantity (in Kgs.)	Value (in crores)	Quantity (in Kgs.)	Value (in crores)
1987	2255	65.78	13.029	0.37
1988*	6094	200.51	164.657	50.40
1989* (upto 28-2-1989)	1832	61.00	54.15	18.72

* Figures are provisional.

However, since smuggling is a clandestine activity, it is no feasible to estimate the quantum of gold that is being smuggled into the country across the Gujarat and Saurashtra coasts. The increase in seizures need not necessarily indicate a spurt in smuggling of gold and could be due to the intensified drive against sumggling. The Gujarat and Saurashtra coasts continue to be vulnerable to smuggling of gold because of close proximity to Dubai.

Instructions to Ministries to cut down expenditure

1714. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether strict instructions have been given to all Central Ministries to keep down their expenditure within the budgeted level; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministries and Departments were instructed to locate savings to the maximum extent possible to meet any unavoidable increases in expenditure including liability for additional instalments of dearness allowance and bonus sanctioned to Government employees during the year. They were also required to closely monitor the progress of expenditure. Economy instructions issued last year were continued this year also.

हिन्दी अनुवादों आदि के लिए समान वेतन

1715. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत सरकार के अनेक विभागों/कार्यालयों, विशेषकर डाक-तार और दूर संचार विभाग में वरिष्ठ हिन्दी अनुवादकों और वरिष्ठ प्रूफ रीडरों के संवर्ग में समान काम के लिए समान वेतन का सिद्धांत स्वीकार नहीं किया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सभी मंत्रालयों/विभागों के अधीनस्थ कार्यालयों में कार्यरत वरिष्ठ हिन्दी अनुवादकों और वरिष्ठ प्रूफ रीडरों के लिए एक समान वेतनमान लागू करने हेतु सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या उपाय किए जा रहे हैं अथवा किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव): (क) और (ख) वरिष्ठ हिन्दी अनुवादकों के पद, मंत्रालयों विभागों तथा सम्बद्ध और अधीन कार्यालयों में विद्यमान हैं। मंत्रालयों